

Claims:

1. A method of manufacturing a cartridge for dispensation of a beverage comprising the steps of:
 - 5 a. manufacturing a plurality of outer members comprising at least a first type of outer member and a second type of outer member having differing shape or configurations;
 - b. manufacturing a plurality of inner members
10 comprising at least a first type of inner member and a second type of inner member having differing shape or configurations;
 - c. storing said plurality of outer members and said inner members;
 - 15 d. selecting one of the first type of outer member or the second type of outer member from the plurality of outer members;
 - e. selecting one of the first type of inner member or the second type of inner member from the plurality of inner
20 members;
 - f. conjoining the selected inner member to the selected outer member such the inner member is within the outer member;
 - g. filling the outer member with one or more beverage
25 ingredients selected from a plurality of beverage ingredients; and
 - h. sealing the outer member with a lid to form the cartridge.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising in step b. of joining a filter member to the first type and/or second type of inner member.
- 5 3. A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the first type of outer member is suitable for containing roast and ground beverage ingredients or the like.
4. A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the second type
10 of outer member is suitable for containing soluble or liquid beverage ingredients or the like.
5. A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the first type of inner member is suitable for filtering roast and
15 ground beverage ingredients and the like.
6. A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the second type of inner member is suitable for filtering roast and ground beverage ingredients and the like and for
20 entraining a plurality of air bubbles in the dispensed beverage.
7. A method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the first and second type of inner member comprise a frame having a
25 filter disposed thereupon, and wherein a peripheral rim of the frame is conjoined to the selected type of outer member by welding.
8. A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein the second type
30 of inner member comprises means for producing a jet of the beverage, which means comprises an aperture in a

beverage flow path between an inlet and an outlet of the cartridge.

- 5 9. A method as claimed in claim 8 further comprising manufacturing and storing a third type of inner member.
- 10 10. A method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the third type of inner member is suitable for dispensing soluble beverage ingredients and the like.
- 11 11. A method as claimed in claim 10 further comprising manufacturing and storing a fourth type of inner member.
- 15 12. A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the fourth type of inner member is suitable for dispensing a liquid beverage ingredients and the like.
- 20 13. A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the third or fourth type of inner member comprises a skirt surrounding an outlet, the skirt comprising an upper extension having an upper rim which engages, on assembly of the cartridge, a co-operating formation of the selected type of outer member to form a snap-fit arrangement for conjoining the third or fourth type of inner member to the selected type of outer member.
- 25 14. A cartridge system for dispensing a plurality of beverages comprising:

- a. a plurality of outer members comprising at least a first type of outer member and a second type of outer member having differing shape or configurations;
 - b. a plurality of inner members comprising at least a first type of inner member and a second type of inner member having differing shape or configurations;
 - c. a plurality of beverage ingredients; and
 - d. at least one lid to seal the cartridge;
- wherein each cartridge comprises an outer member, an inner member, one or more beverage ingredients and a lid.
15. A cartridge system as claimed in claim 14 wherein each cartridge further comprises a filter.
16. A cartridge system as claimed in claim 15 wherein the first type of outer member is suitable for containing roast and ground beverage ingredients or the like.
17. A cartridge system as claimed in claim 16 wherein the second type of outer member is suitable for containing soluble or liquid beverage ingredients or the like.
18. A cartridge system as claimed in claims 17 wherein the first type of inner member is suitable for filtering roast and ground beverage ingredients and the like.
19. A cartridge system as claimed in claim 18 wherein the second type of inner member is suitable for filtering roast and ground beverage ingredients and the like and

comprises means entraining a plurality of air bubbles in the dispensed beverage.

20. A cartridge system as claimed in claim 19 wherein the
5 first and second type of inner member comprise a frame having a filter disposed thereupon, and wherein a peripheral rim of the frame is conjoined to the selected type of outer member by welding.
- 10 21. A cartridge system as claimed in claim 20 wherein the second type of inner member comprises means for producing a jet of the beverage, which means comprises an aperture in a beverage flow path between an inlet and an outlet of the cartridge.
- 15 22. A cartridge system as claimed in claim 21 further comprising a third type of inner member.
23. A cartridge system as claimed in claim 22 wherein the
20 third type of inner member is suitable for dispensing soluble beverage ingredients and the like.
24. A cartridge system as claimed in claim 23 further comprising a fourth type of inner member.
- 25 25. A cartridge system as claimed in claim 24 wherein the fourth type of inner member is suitable for dispensing a liquid beverage ingredients and the like.
- 30 26. A cartridge system as claimed in claims 25 wherein the third or fourth type of inner member comprises a skirt

surrounding an outlet, the skirt comprising an upper
extension having an upper rim which engages, on
assembly of the cartridge, a co-operating formation of
the selected type of outer member to form a snap-fit
5 arrangement for conjoining the third or fourth type of
inner member to the selected type of outer member.